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1. In August 1953, security measures were increased along the Albanian coast from Vlone to Sarande. Boats are forbidden to approach within 20 meters of this area during daylight hours. Special permission must be obtained before vessels are permitted to approach within 20 meters of the Karaburun Peninsula and 50 to 100 meters of the Saseno Island. Boats without permits, if caught in bad weather between Vlone and Sarande, may put in only at Port Palermo.

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All persons wishing to stop at any place along the coast between Vlone and Sarande must have a permit. After landing at a predetermined place, persons with permits must not move until security guards arrive to receive them.

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3. Military personnel and military employees receive their permit from the commanding officer of the Border Guard Battalion in Vlone. Persons not employees of the military services receive their permits from the Port Director (of Vlone). the battalion commander's office telephoned units along the route of travel notifying them that his boat would pass or dock at a certain hour.

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4. At night boats are permitted to fish in the Bay of Vlone. They are required to keep their mast lights on so that they can be observed. If a boat's lights go out, a speed boat owned by the fishing cooperative and capable of nine knots proceeds to investigate. These boats are manned by two armed persons. Shore batteries may fire on boats without lights.

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5. The Vlong fishing fleet consists of seven rather large fishing boats, each of which is accompanied by five or six smaller fishing craft. The smaller craft are pulled by the large fishing boats and then cut loose for fishing. On each trip two soldier-guards are assigned to each of the larger fishing boats. The fleet does not go out when there is a full moon.

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